



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

**IN RE: HONORABLE ARMIN MARTINEZ
LYFORD MUNICIPAL COURT
LYFORD, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS
CJC No. 18-0205**

**VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO RESIGN FROM
JUDICIAL OFFICE IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

This Agreement is being entered into by the undersigned parties pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS at all times relevant hereto, the Honorable Armin Martinez was the Municipal Judge of Lyford, Texas and

WHEREAS on October 19, 2017 a complaint was filed with the Commission by an attorney alleging that Judge Martinez denied the attorney access to his client prior to, and at, magistration, and

WHEREAS during its investigation, the Commission became aware that Judge Martinez serving as a full-time licensed peace officer for the City of Raymondville since July 17, 2015.

WHEREAS no Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law have been entered by the Commission in connection with the above-referenced matter, and

WHEREAS the parties agree that the allegations of judicial misconduct as stated in the indictment, if found to be true, could result in further disciplinary action against Judge Martinez, and

WHEREAS the parties to this Agreement are desirous of resolving this matter without the time and expense of further disciplinary proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that Judge Martinez, upon the signing of this Agreement, has officially and formally resigned his judicial duties, and is entering into this Agreement to resolve the above-referenced complaints in lieu of disciplinary action by the Commission, pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code. The Commission agrees that it shall pursue no further disciplinary proceedings against Judge Martinez in connection with the above-referenced matter.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge Martinez shall be forever disqualified from judicial service in the State of Texas, including (a) sitting or serving as a judge, (b) standing for election or appointment

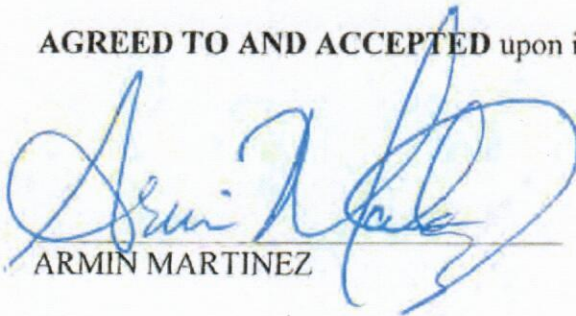
to a judicial office, and/or (c) performing or exercising any judicial duties or functions of a judicial officer, including the performance of wedding ceremonies.


IT IS FURTHER AGREED that any violation of this Agreement by Judge Martinez would constitute willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties or casts public discredit upon the judiciary or administration of justice in violation of Art. 5, §1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution, and Section 33.001(b) of the Texas Government Code.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Commission may enforce this Agreement through any legal process necessary, including injunctive relief; that Travis County, Texas, shall be the proper venue for any dispute between the parties or proceeding relating to this Agreement; and that Judge Martinez, individually, shall bear the expense, cost, and any reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in the event any dispute arising under this Agreement is decided against him by any court or tribunal.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Judge Martinez, by his execution of this voluntary agreement, does not admit guilt, fault or liability regarding the matters contained in CJC No. 18-0205 referenced above.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED upon its execution by the parties.


ARMIN MARTINEZ


HON. DAVID C. HALL, CHAIR
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT

Date: 07-23-2020

Date: August 12, 2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

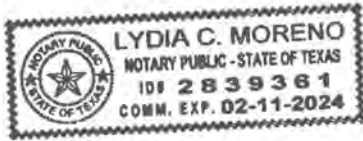
By: _____
ATTORNEY
FOR ARMIN MARTINEZ

VERIFICATION

State of Texas §
County of Bowie §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Armin Martinez**, who by me being first duly sworn, on his oath deposed and said that the above "Voluntary Agreement to Resign from Judicial Office in Lieu of Disciplinary Action" is a true and correct recitation of the facts and accurately reflects his understanding of the terms and conditions of, and voluntary consent to enter into, such Agreement.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on this the 23rd day of July, 2020.



Lydia C. Moreno
NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS